

Sinclair Broadcasting is forcing their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary just days before the election. This is an outstanding example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses our public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve our public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see local people from our own communities and more local news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Monopolies in media too easily circumvent the public interest. Too much media clout can corrupt the flow of vital information that we all need. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.